

## Public Service, Department of

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### Mission

The primary mission of the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) is to ensure affordable, safe, secure, and reliable access to electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water services for New York State's residential and business consumers, while protecting the natural environment. DPS seeks to stimulate effective competitive markets that benefit New York consumers through strategic investments, as well as product and service innovations. In addition, it oversees the siting of major electric and gas transmission lines and facilities and ensures the safety of natural gas and liquid petroleum pipelines.

### Organization and Staffing

The Public Service Commission (PSC) consists of seven members who are nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The chairperson serves as the chief executive officer of DPS, which will have 528 FTEs in FY 2024, and operates offices in Albany, Buffalo, New York City, Long Island and Syracuse.

### Budget Highlights

The Executive Budget recommends appropriations of approximately \$317.5 million, a decrease of \$50 million from the FY 2023 Enacted Budget. The FY 2024 Executive Budget includes a new appropriation for an expanded Energy Affordability Program. Which, will provide \$200 million in relief for New Yorkers paying high electric bills and whose income is below the state median income. Additionally, the Governor announced an Energy Affordability Guarantee for low-income residential customers who participate in the NYSERDA EmPower Plus Program and fully electrify their homes. The guarantee will ensure that low-income New Yorkers never spend more than 6% of their annual income on electric bills.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

[Briefing Book – Environment and Energy \(PDF\)](#)

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### Program Highlights

The DPS budget has two programs: the Administration Program, which supports the Public Service Commission and DPS activities, and the Regulation Program, which undertakes activities to ensure fair and reasonable rates, monitor service standards, address consumer complaints, promote efficient operation, and ensure that industry construction programs meet safety and environmental requirements.

DPS will continue the following priorities in the coming year:

- Ensure just and reasonable utility rates, along with safe and adequate electric, gas, steam, and telecommunications service.
- Continue implementing the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) which is fundamentally transforming the way electricity is distributed and used in the State. Under REV, New York is spurring innovation to create a power system that uses more distributed, resilient, and cleaner sources of supply to ensure New York customers benefit from cleaner and more affordable electricity.
- Provide regulatory oversight of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's administration of the Clean Energy Fund. Similarly, DPS will continue to monitor progress towards achieving the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act which mandates that 70 percent of all electricity consumed in New York by 2030 must come from renewable energy sources and zero emissions from the statewide electrical demand system in 2040.
- Conduct electric transmission siting reviews, oversee the responsible development of a smart electric grid, and ensure the safety of the State's natural gas pipelines.
- Educate consumers and resolve consumer-utility disputes to ensure fair and responsible utility service.

**ALL FUNDS  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2023	Appropriations Recommended FY 2024	Change From FY 2023	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2024
State Operations	111,760,000	111,760,000	0	5,500,000
Aid To Localities	255,750,000	205,750,000	(50,000,000)	5,668,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>367,510,000</b>	<b>317,510,000</b>	<b>(50,000,000)</b>	<b>11,168,000</b>

**ALL FUND TYPES  
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM  
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FTE Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	65	65	0
Regulation of Utilities			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	22	22	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	441	441	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,500,000	5,500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	106,260,000	106,260,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,760,000</b>	<b>111,760,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	15,080,000	15,080,000	0
Regulation of Utilities			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,500,000	5,500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	91,180,000	91,180,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,760,000</b>	<b>111,760,000</b>	<b>0</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2024 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	15,080,000	0	8,543,000	0
Regulation of Utilities	96,680,000	0	48,455,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,760,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56,998,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	6,537,000	0
Regulation of Utilities	48,225,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,762,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
General Fund	250,000,000	200,000,000	(50,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	5,750,000	5,750,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>255,750,000</b>	<b>205,750,000</b>	<b>(50,000,000)</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
<b>ENERGY AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM</b>			
General Fund	0	200,000,000	200,000,000
Regulation of Utilities			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	5,750,000	5,750,000	0
<b>UTILITY ARREARS RELIEF</b>			
General Fund	250,000,000	0	(250,000,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>255,750,000</b>	<b>205,750,000</b>	<b>(50,000,000)</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 02/01/2023